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### Officer Accused as Spy Had Top Clearance

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 24 (AP) — A former Army warrant officer accused of selling information to the Soviet Union had top security clearance and access to some of the United States' most delicate military secrets, his former supervisor testified today.

George DesAutels, who was officer in charge of an Army Signal Corps communications blockhouse in Paris where the defendant, Joseph G. Helmich, worked as a code custodian, was the third Government witness to testify in Mr. Helmich's Federal District Court trial on four counts of espionage.

Mr. Helmich is accused of selling secrets about a coding machine, the KL-7 Cryptosystem, for \$131,000.

At one point, Mr. DesAutels's testimony touched on a top-secret area, and Judge Susan Black ordered proceedings closed to those without top security clearance, including Federal marshals. The 12-member jury remained.